HAPPINESS IS 4-H

By Frank H. Sweet
Extension Agent

Congratulations to all 4-H'ers who took part in the County Share-the-Fun Show last week. A special thanks is due American Federal Savings and Loan Association for their sponsorship of this year's Share-the-Fun. Appreciation is also due WTTX, The Carpet House, Teen Leader 4-H Club, Philip Jacobs and Joanie Canada for their assistance with the Share-the-Fun program.

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The East Central District 4-H All Stars will hold a special meeting on Thursday, December 27, at 7:30 P.M. in the conference room at the District Extension Office (adjacent to post office in Appomattox). All 4-H All Stars are invited to attend this meeting.

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A reminder to Senior 4-H'ers that Achievement Records are due January 18. The Christmas season is a good time to buckle down and work on these records. Please call the Extension Office (352-8244) if you wish assistance with your record book.

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The Appomattox Extension Office now has an answering service for the times when the office is closed or at night. This means that you can call anytime (night, weekends, etc.) and leave a message. We will return your call as soon as possible. We hope this service will help you when you have special questions and problems.

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As we look forward to the 1980's the emphasis in 4-H on a statewide basis seems to be the development of more opportunities for young people through teen and adult volunteers. Volunteers who work with special activities and community 4-H Clubs are a most important part of the 4-H program. Here in Appomattox we have a real need for several new community 4-H Groups. Call us if you'd like to help.

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We'd like to take this opportunity to wish each 4-H family in Appomattox County a very Merry Christmas and most prosperous 1980.

Cheryl Wooten Celebrated Birthday

Cheryl Wooten celebrated her 11th birthday with a party at A. J. Skateworld recently. Attending and shown in above photo were, 1st row, left to right, Anne Kerr and Jeff Scruggs; 2nd row, left to right, Kathy Bryan, Timmy Chandler, John Fedison, Dana Lee, Monica Stratton, Jennifer Schmutz, "Cheryl", and Jeff Motley; and on 3rd row, left to right, Tony Chandler, Bonnie Drinkard, Penny Wooten, Cindy Wooten, Robin LeGrand, and Jennifer Coleman.

Cheryl Guill Celebrates Birthday

Cheryl Guill celebrated her 16th birthday with a party at A. J. Skateworld recently. Joining her for the celebration were, front row, left to right, Ron Guill and Todd Guill; second row, left to right, Melody Hall, Darrell Martin, "Cheryl", Gwen Moore, and Gaye Moore; and on back row, left to right, Debbie Williams, Cindy Lawhorn, Tony Martin, Lisa McCracken and Pam Fuller.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PLANNED FOR GLADYS

On Sunday, December 23rd at 7:30 p.m. there will be a Christmas Carol Sing at Bethel Mennonite Church on 501 South at Gladys, Virginia.

The public is cordially invited to attend this program.

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"Whosoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas and the like, either by forbearing labor, feasting, or any other way upon such account as aforesaid, every such person so offending shall pay for each offense five shillings as a fine to the country."

Law passed by the Pilgrims in 1659.

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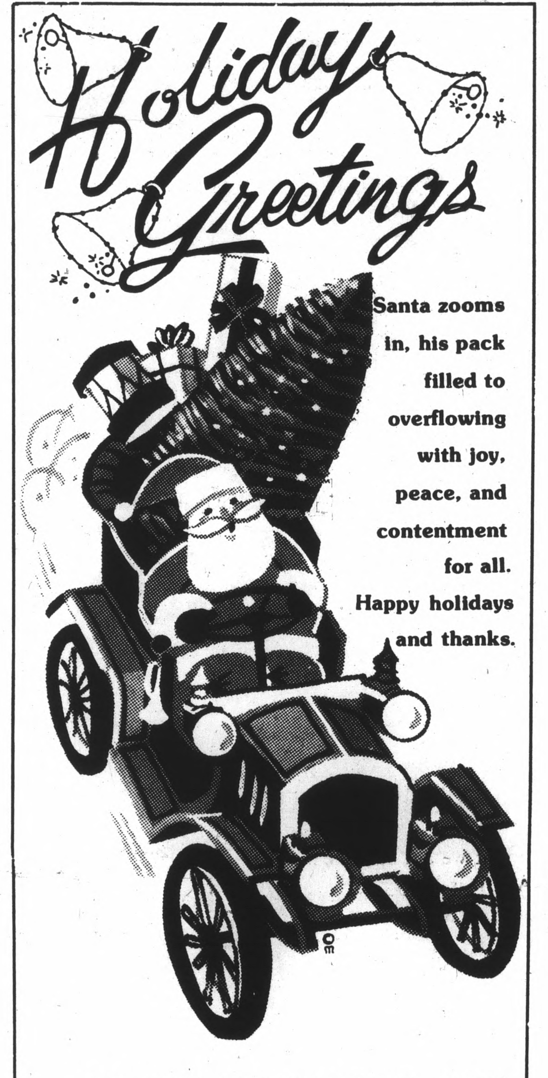

Santa zooms
in, his pack
filled to
overflowing
with joy,
peace, and
contentment
for all.
Happy holidays
and thanks.
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Monday — PRIVATE PARTIES
Tuesday — PRIVATE PARTIES
Wednesday — FUN NIGHT 7:00 P.M. to10:00 P.M.
Thursday — 7 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
Friday — 7 P.m. to 10:00 P.M. 9 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Saturday — 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. 7 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. — 9 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.
ASK ABOUT OUR ALL-SKATE CLUB
Skates and Skate Supplies For Sale – Order Now For Christmas.

The Many Customs of Christmas

Once again, the most joyous of holiday seasons is upon us, bringing a spiritual renewal and strengthening of family bonds. Among all these holiday traditions are found many of long-ago and enchanting history.

The hanging of mistletoe is a practice derived from the British custom of the "Kissing Ball." This special ornament was made from evergreen branches and was hung in a passageway. A berry was removed each time a kiss was exchanged. Once all berries were removed, kissing ceased.

Decorative wreaths for doors and windows are traditions thought to have been inspired by the great Della Robbia family of Florence, Italy. This popular wreath pattern of fruit and foliage was originally made to resemble small, circular garlands, surrounding tiny figurines. Gradually, the round greens grew in size until ready to stand as art in themselves.

The practice of hanging Christmas stockings began in Southern Europe. Legend states that an old man was in despair because he had no money for his daughters' dowries. Saint Nicholas, hearing of the man's plight, dropped a bag of gold down the oldster's chimney. The gift traveled quickly and landed in a stocking, hung upon the mantle to dry.

The next year, friends and neighbors hung out their prettiest stockings in anticipation of the coming of the generous Saint. Today, the practice of hanging these picturesque socks remains one of the happiest of Christmas traditions.

A New Year's Wish

Let us be joyous, with hope that springs from faith that we and all mankind can work toward a new year with "goodwill to all."

Let us work. And let us pray to that Great Spirit, Father of all, that He will guide us along our path, always.

For, as Charles Dana wrote to Virginia seventy-four years ago:

"The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see . . . Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that (curtain and view) and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond . . ."

Christmas Date

It wasn't until 320 A.D. that December 25th was officially designated as Christmas Day.

Before then, the celebration of Christmas was assigned to various dates, including January 6th.

WELCOME TO
Friendship Baptist Church
ROUTE 727, APPOMATTOX, VA.

Special Christmas Program
ON DECEMBER 23
At 7:30 in the evening the young people of Friendship Baptist Church will present a special Christmas program. Following the presentation there will be fellowship and refreshments.
Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor

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LOUIS ELDER GETS 6-POINT BUCK - Louis Elder, age 12, of Red House, is shown in above photo with 6-point buck he killed while hunting in Red House on Saturday, December 15. Louis was quite proud of his 202-pound deer.

Linda Bosinger Awarded Good Conduct Medal

Navy Aviation Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Linda L. Bosinger, daughter of Leon and Lillie L. McBee of Route 1, Box 26, Concord, Va., was awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

The Good Conduct Medal signifies faithful and obedient service during a four-year period. To earn it, Navy enlisted men and women must achieve and maintain a satisfactory level of performance and an unblemished conduct record for the entire period.

Bosinger is currently serving at the Naval Air Station, Barbers Point, Hawaii.

A 1975 graduate of Brookville High School, Lynchburg, Va., she joined the Navy in June 1975.

MRS. SHELTON'S 4-H

On Dec. 10th Mrs. Shelton's class had a 4-H meeting. Kim Romanac called the meeting to order. We drew names for flowers and book markers. Mrs. Walton gave out a paper about the 4-H seedling program for students to order pine trees to plant.

Joey Moore
Reporter

Red Oak Church To Have Christmas Program

Red Oak Baptist Church will have a Christmas program on Sunday, December 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Christmas program there will be a time of fellowship in the fellowship hall at which time Santa Claus will appear for the children. Everyone is invited to attend.

Jordan News

Regular preaching service at Jordan Baptist Church will be Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. There will be the Annual Christmas Program Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Our prayers still go out for our pastor's wife, Mrs. Ida Elliott, and for Mrs. Viola Austin.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

HERO MEMBER FOR DECEMBER

The Appomattox County High School HERO Member of the month has been active in HERO by helping with all fund raising projects. She is now serving as secretary of the HERO Club, and chairperson of the girl of the month committee. She has been in HERO for 2 years. She attended the 1979 Campbell-Appomattox Federation Meeting at Brookville High School. Our member of the month is Miss Vinnie Hubbard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hubbard Jr.

Evergreen Church Plans Christmas Cantata

The Evergreen Baptist Church choirs will present "The Greatest Gift", a Christmas Cantata by Joe E. Parks, on Sunday, December 23, at 7 p.m. Narrator will be David Covington, Director will be Mrs. George C. Franklin and piano accompanist will be Carolyn Grishaw.

The public is cordially invited to attend this Cantata.

Remember to Add a Dash of Love to Your Holiday Recipes!

Letters To Santa

Dear Ho Ho,

This is my first real Christmas because last Christmas I was just a baby, but I am a big boy now and that's the reason I would not sit on your lap Saturday. I love you and hope you are not mad at me.

I am a good boy sometimes, so if you could I would like a small train; a ride on a fire engine and a lot of stocking stuffers because I have a real big stocking.

Thank You,
Robbie Adcock
21 mos. old

My Dearest Santa,

I enjoyed seeing you recently and I have thought about the things I would like to have, a play sink, and a doll baby, coloring books, and crayons, most of all happiness to all the people on earth.

I love you muchly
Melissa Adcock
5½ years old

Dear Santa,

I want a doll that you can color her hair. I want a perfume maker and a doll puppet. A real cartoon watch. An ice cream maker. Thank you. And some sugar for the ponies.

Your friend,
Mechelle Lynn Taylor

Dear Santa,

I hope you have had a good year. I have tried to be good. For Christmas please bring me:

1. Lincoln Logs
2. Wonder Woman Doll.
3. Carriage and stroller.

I will leave a snack for you.

Love,
Ginny Sweet

Dear Santa,

Here's the list for 1979.

1. Star Wars Xwing aces target game.
2. Milton Bradley Big trac.
3. Mattel Electric Football.
4. Line controlled airplane.
5. 200 X telescope.
6. Alarm clock.
7. Digital watch.

Please leave other things too.

Brian H.

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been good this year. I want "a crane, a fire fox. Pay Day, a stuffed St. Bernard, and a football game."

From,
Phillip Banton

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Big Wheel with a siren that goes "whoo-whoo". A power saw, and a drill. I have been a good boy. And Santa please don't bring me a new baby. I do not need one of them! Thanks!

Love,
Chip Bass
2½ yrs.

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Dear Santa Claus,

I want a car, a fire truck, and a army jeep and a tiny little fire truck. And that's all.

Have a Merry Christmas.

Marvin Cox

Dear Santa Claus,

I want to get a car. I wanna get a watch, a popcorn popper, and a tape recorder, and a game. I want a box of crayons and a bike. I want a camera and a wall pencil sharpener.

Hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Eddie Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,

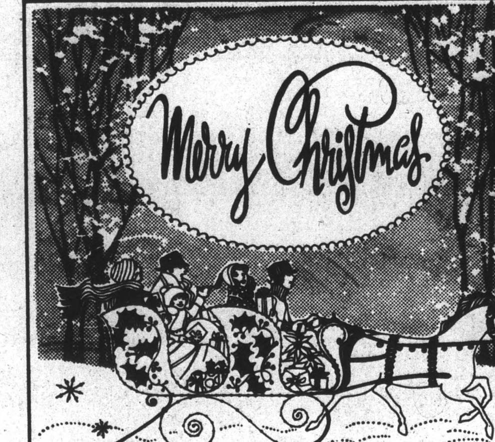
I wanted a game and a Simon Says and I wanted a fire truck and a police car and a truck and a target gun and a army truck and a bulldozer and a tractor and a Volkswagon and a bow an arrow and a Star Wars puzzle.

Love,
Marty Woods

Dear Santa Claus,

I want 5 boxes of cough drops, some cough medicine, a go go cart, running shoes, and a bicycle. That's all I want for Christmas Santa.

From,
Tyrone Bennett



Best wishes for old fashioned
Christmas joys . . . and thank you for
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Holiday time
is aglow, in the
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A Prayer by St. Francis Of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace . . .
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
Seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born
To eternal life.

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For those difficult-to-wrap gift items, here's a solution: paper sacks in holiday colors, tied with a bow, will hold those odd-shaped purchases. Decorate sacks with colorful Christmas seals for good measure.

They'll Welcome These "Gift Certificates"

You don't have to gift Mom or Dad with expensive gift certificates to please them this Christmas, teens. Make up your own "certificate" entitling Mom to so many evenings of babysitting or promising Dad so many car washes.

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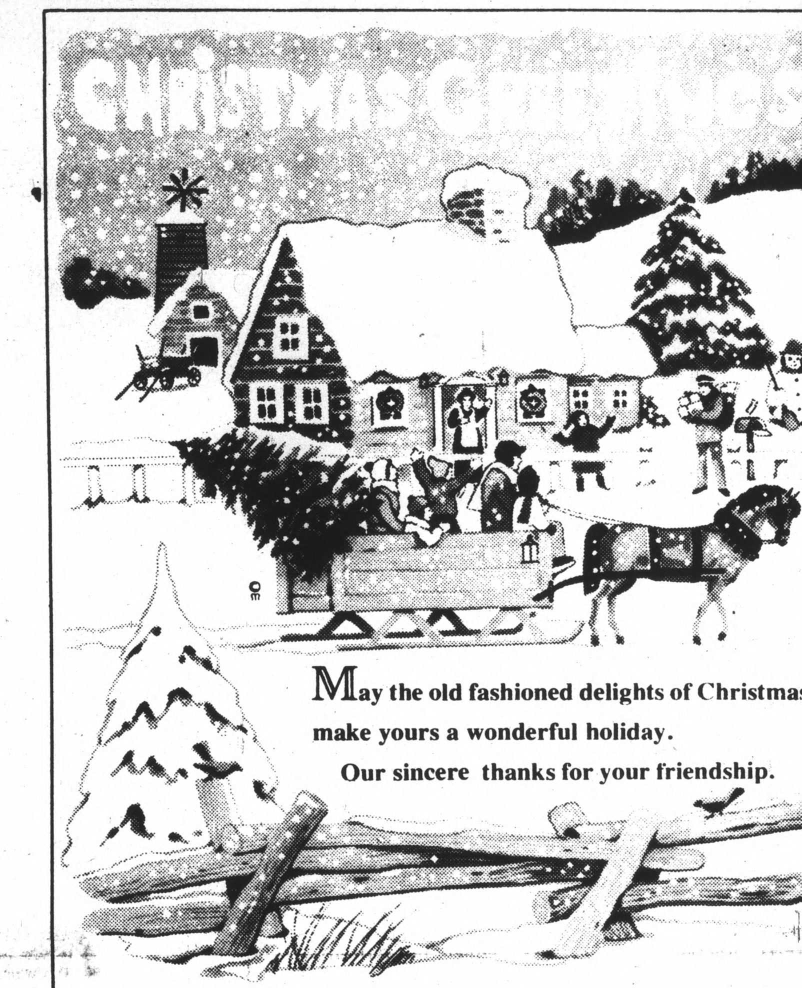
William Watson Celebrated Birthday

William Watson celebrated his 8th birthday recently with a party at A. J. Skateworld. Joining him for the party were, front row, left to right, Jason Tyree, April Watson, "William", Kenny Deaner, and Scott Beamon; and on back row, left to right, were Jason Justis, Julia Wingfield, Dawn Deaner, and Delorious Deaner.



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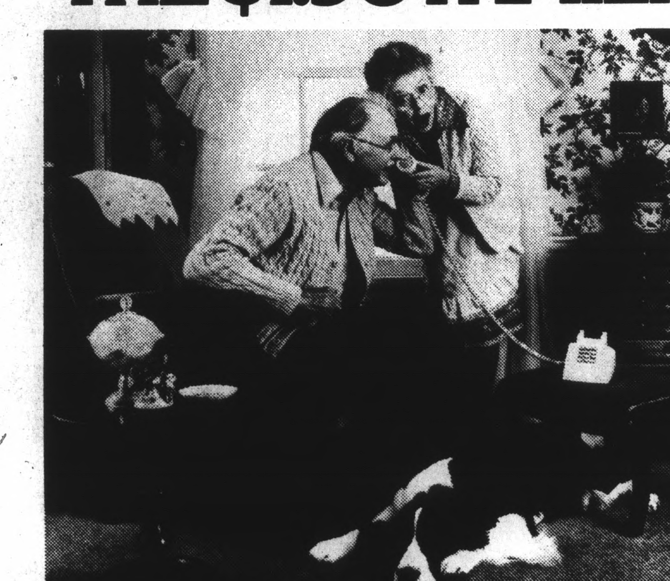

The cost of getting a family together shouldn't keep a family apart.
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